

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 4, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 44, 4/3/2017; HB 655, 4/3/2017  
Executive Action: HB 655, HB 611, HB 239, SB 44

00:01:03 Chair Ballance

### **HEARING ON HB 655**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:12 Rep. George Kipp (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 655, Revising employment laws for hiring incentives for Indians.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:58 Rep. Keane  
00:05:24 Rep. Kipp  
00:05:45 Rep. Woods  
00:05:56 Rep. Kipp  
00:10:11 Rep. Glimm  
00:10:32 Rep. Kipp  
00:11:03 Rep. Jones  
00:11:41 Rep. Kipp  
00:13:22 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:14:42 Rep. Cuffe  
00:16:00 Rep. Kipp  
00:17:57 Rep. Cuffe  
00:18:06 Chair Ballance  
00:18:32 Rep. Kipp  
00:19:50 Rep. Hamlett  
00:20:11 Rep. Kipp  
00:23:42 Rep. Peppers  
00:24:10 Rep. Kipp  
00:25:07 Rep. Woods

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:48 Rep. Kipp

### **HEARING ON SB 44**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:28 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 44, Provide process to hold patients harmless from balance billing by air ambulance.

00:29:55 Chair Ballance

00:30:37 Sen. Vance

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:17 Sen. Vance

00:32:40 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 611**

00:33:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Knokey moved that **HB 611 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 11-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Patelis was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 655**

00:35:16 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 655 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:28 Vice Chair McCarthy

00:36:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

00:37:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 655 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44**

00:39:42 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **SB 44 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:39:48 Chair Ballance

00:40:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Burnett voting no. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy. Rep. Tschida will carry the bill.

00:40:33 Vice Chair Brodehl

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 611**

00:41:08     **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 611 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:41:15     Rep. Lynch

00:41:26     Chair Ballance

00:41:30     Rep. Cook

00:41:50     **Vote:** Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 239**

00:42:59     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Tschida moved that **HB 239 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 11-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Burnett, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Patelis was excused.

00:45:24     **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 239 DO PASS.**

00:45:40     **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. D. Jones made a substitute motion that **HB 239 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

00:47:20     Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:48:07

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph70aad.pdf](#))